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## News Notes

### Hearts Apart group meets

The Hearts Apart Waiting Families Support Group will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 22 in the Chapel Fellowship Hall, Building 1008.

Presentations will cover topics such as stress, deployment, surviving the holidays, and reunion and homecoming. A light dinner will be served and free child care is available.

Waiting Families is a support service to families, military members and civilians who are living apart due to mission requirements.

For more information, contact Linda Kerr, 570-615-6682 or [linda.kerr@us.army.mil](mailto:linda.kerr@us.army.mil).

### Camp registration opens soon

Summer camp registrations will be accepted between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23. To make an appointment, call Parent Central Services, 570-615-6559.

Child, Youth and School services are available to active duty military personnel, appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees, Defense Department civilians and contractors, reservists on active duty or personnel here in training status.

### Chapel conducts services

The depot chapel conducts worship services every Sunday. A Bible study takes place at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. and a fellowship hour.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Brooks, X59689 or X58873.

### Online shopping available

Personnel can view and purchase items at the One Stop Shop 24 hours a day by visiting [www.tyadonestopshop.com](http://www.tyadonestopshop.com).

The shop also has a new website for library items, <http://mylibraryus.fmwr.net/search~S59>.

For more information, call X58851.



Jake Gever checks the tie down straps used for securing the top section of the radome to a crane, which will hold it aloft as the lower levels are added to the assembly. Once the assembly of the top half is complete it will be joined with bottom. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)

## Depot raises radome on Powder Smoke Ridge

by Jacqueline Boucher  
Assistant Editor

The construction of a high-tech igloo marked the next step in new workload arriving at Tobyhanna Army Depot — repairing and testing Marine Corps radars.

Multi-million dollar construction and renovation projects around the depot have kicked into high gear preparing for the arrival of AN/TPS-59 radar antenna workload next month. The mission is being transferred from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., due to Base Realignment and Closure decisions made in 2005.

Tobyhanna is scheduled to become the depot source of repair for the AN/TPS-59 in September.

The facilities needed to conduct safe and effective testing of the transferring radar systems include a radar test range consisting of a 77-foot radome and a 330-foot communications tower. Overhaul capability will reside in 60,000 square feet of newly renovated space (Bldg. 1B, Bay 4) within the industrial complex.

“We needed an area to operate the AN/TPS-59 simultaneously with other systems being tested on the installation,” said George

Galaydick, electronics engineer, Production Engineering Directorate, explaining that the key to selecting Powder Smoke Ridge as the best spot to place the radome was blending radio frequency engineering with civil design.

The decision to place the radome on Powder Smoke Ridge was based on a thorough analysis of the depot’s use of ground and air space. The goal was to ensure the accuracy of all radar testing conducted now and in the future.

“Everything we did concerning this project was done for a specific purpose,” said David Klaips, a radio frequency engineer working on the project. “We analyzed the whole area with regard to potential interference and compatibility [with other radar systems].”

Galaydick added that the strategic placement of the radome and communications tower “will improve productivity and safety of the systems.”

Developed for the U.S. Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) and the U.S. Marine Corps, the AN/TPS-59 is designed to operate in conjunction with surface-to-air missile systems. The

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# A moment to renew strength

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**  
by Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey L. Brooks

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”(Isaiah 40:31, KJV).  
One reason we can put our hope and trust in God is because of His Almighty Divine power. God’s power can strengthen us when we find ourselves face-to-face with life’s battles.

In the Old Testament, Jeremiah said, “Behold, Lord God! You have made the heavens and the Earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You” (Jeremiah 32:17, NASB).

NASA Cosmic Ray Astrophysicist Dr. Louis Barbier said, “The sun produces enough energy to melt a bridge of ice two miles wide, one mile thick, and extending the entire way from the Earth to the sun, in one second.”

The good news today is that this is nothing in comparison to the energy and power of the One who created the sun.

The truth is, there is nothing beyond God’s ability to enter into each of our lives and make a difference for us if we will let him. The writer of the book of Ephesians said it this way, “God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes” (Ephesians 3:20).

What is the biggest problem that you can give to God? The Apostle Paul said, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). Because, “nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).

Nothing we find ourselves going through in life is too difficult for God. God can “renew our strength” and make a difference in our lives if we will let him.



# Change big part of 50-year career

by Robert Cays  
Information Technology Specialist

*(Editor’s Note: Cays was a guest speaker at the Feb. 23 Length of Service Ceremony that recognized his 50-year career.)*

The first time I learned of someone being recognized for 50 years of service I thought to myself, how could anyone live long enough to accumulate that amount of time?

In 1963, I was fresh out of the Army and working at the Pocono Diner in Tannersville as a dishwasher when I received notice to take a position at Tobyhanna.

I told my boss at the diner and he asked me why would I take a job at Tobyhanna when they’re closing the place?

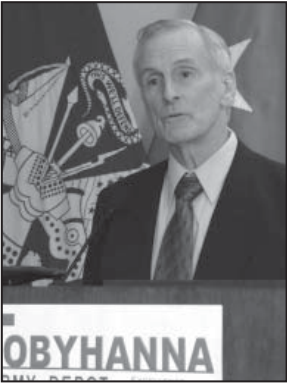
I took the job anyway and my start date was deferred a week because of President Kennedy’s assassination.

The depot was celebrating its 10th anniversary in 1963. The work force was largely comprised of folks who transferred from Baltimore Signal Depot.

At that time, the government had a mandatory retirement age of 70 years.

Almost all of maintenance was housed in Building 1A. The shops were wide open from the unfinished concrete floor to the roof. The overhead lighting was barely adequate for an electronics repair facility.

Today, the shops are brightly illuminated and



Bob Cays, talks about changes witnessed during his 50-year career here. (Photo by Tony Medici)

contain modern benches and equipment suitable for supporting current technology electronics.

How about the technology?



Can anyone here tell me what this symbol represents — What type of vacuum tube is it?

It’s a pentode, so named because it has five active elements plus a filament. It was probably the most commonly used vacuum tube in the early 1960s because of its high gain and stability.

In 1963, most of the electronic assets being overhauled in the shops contained vacuum tubes. The test equipment used in that overhaul contained vacuum tubes.

Today, you would be hard pressed to find anything that contains vacuum tubes. The solid state era has replaced vacuum tube technology with transistors and integrated circuits.

The miniaturization and reliability of solid state has made it possible to produce products that were considered science fiction in 1963.

This is one example of the advancing electronic technology we’re witnessing.

The depot has changed along with the technology, keeping pace from its modernized infrastructure to work force training receives, attracting the high-tech workload seen today.

I had the good fortune to make the right decision to leave the diner and become a proud member of Team Tobyhanna.



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### Celebrating Women’s Contributions to the Army

“Each year, during Women’s History Month, we remember and celebrate women from all walks of life who have shaped this great Nation.”  
— President Barack Obama, March 3, 2009

March is National Women’s History Month—a time to celebrate the past, present, and future accomplishments of women in service to our great Nation.

For over 235 years, women have valiantly served in our Army. This service and commitment on behalf of the American people has left an indelible mark on history. From the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan and Iraq, women have always distinguished themselves in times of both conflict and peace.

We honor, therefore, all of the women—uniform and out—served courageously, selflessly and with dedication to help make this Nation even stronger.

We offer you our thanks and our gratitude for the past and present contributions military and civilian women have made to the Army and this Nation. During Women’s History Month, we ask the entire Army Family to commemorate the achievements that have benefited us all.

*Kenneth O. Preston*  
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Sergeant Major of the Army

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General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

*John M. McHugh*  
John M. McHugh  
Secretary of the Army



# Reserve NCO earns reputation as one of the best

by **Jacqueline Boucher**  
Assistant Editor

An Army Reserve noncommissioned officer (NCO) received the latest 2011 Warfighter of the Quarter Award for work performed while deployed to Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Joel Soriano led a team of trained civilians and military members responsible for providing communications to Camp Ramadi and tenant warfighter units.

The quarterly award recognizes military personnel for outstanding service and is designed to strengthen bonds between the Tobyhanna Army Depot work force and the military personnel they support.

“I find the ability to provide reliable means of communications very rewarding,” Soriano said. “At the end of the day, my work has helped commanders and warfighters support their missions effectively across the battlefield.”

While deployed, Soriano served as the Direct Signal Support Team (DSSST) noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC), where he “earned the reputation as one of the best NCOs in the battalion,” according to 1st Sgt. Kenneth Aten, Bravo Company, 392nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Pennsylvania Army Reserve. Aten is also a work leader in the Communications Systems Directoreate.

“He showed professional knowledge, sound judgment and an ability to work without supervision,” Aten said. “In the absence of an officer in charge, Soriano supervised the base communication architecture and network posture, improving it by consistently recommending changes.”

Soriano, the fifth recipient of the award, has deployed twice to Iraq during his military career. He is also assigned to Bravo Company.

The sergeant attributes his success to the support of his team. He noted that through hard work, the group was able to improve reliability, project management procedures, continuity and workflow.

Soriano made sure he employed all possible resources available to him and his team, according to Aten, adding that the team was able to provide uninterrupted communications for more than 1,000 warfighters.

“The great combination of skills, knowledge and



**Staff Sgt. Joel Soriano just completed his second tour to Iraq where he supervised Soldiers and civilians responsible for providing base communications. (U.S. Army photo)**

determination had an impact on the level of service we provided,” Soriano said. “I would not have been able to succeed without [the personnel assigned to the unit].

It was the cable team’s first mission that set the stage for the rest of the deployment. Shortly after arriving in country, Soriano remembered the team being tasked with repairing a severed 24-strand fiber optic cable that serviced 30 percent of the camp.

“This was a top priority and employed all available personnel to support the work area until the job was completed,” Soriano said. “In the end, the team and I were exhausted, confident and had built a good working relationship with each other.”

Prior to the award ceremony, Depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer got a chance to talk to Tobyhanna’s newest Warfighter of the Quarter.

“What stood out the most, as I talked with him, was his loyalty to his team and how he emphasized placing the needs of his Soldiers and the unit above his own,” Spencer said. “He’s just completed his second tour to Iraq, he possesses that ‘take-charge’ attitude Soldiers admire in a leader and he has an exceptional grasp on military and professional knowledge.”

Soriano always knows what his Soldiers are doing and prides himself on assisting them with what he, his unit and the Army wants them to be, according to the sergeant major.

Col. Charles Gibson, commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, assisted by Spencer, presented the award.

Personnel of all branches of the Armed Forces are eligible for the Tobyhanna Warfighter of the Quarter Award.

## AMC senior leaders tour new headquarters facility



**Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, AMC commanding general, Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury (middle), AMC's deputy commanding general, and Brig. Gen. John Wharton, AMC's chief of staff overlook the balcony. (U.S. Army photo by Rick Sims, AMC public Affairs)**

by **Cherish Washington**  
AMC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. — The U.S. Army Materiel Command's leadership took a survey of its nearly completed headquarters here, Feb 23.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, AMC's commanding general, Lt. Gen. James H. Pillsbury, AMC's deputy commanding general, Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey J. Mellinger, AMC senior non-commissioned officer, and several senior executive service members from around the command stepped into the doors of their new facility, many for the first time.

The tour was another check mark in AMC's BRAC process from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Redstone Arsenal, Ala., prompted by 2005 BRAC law. Personnel

began relocating to the Tennessee Valley in 2006 and the command will be completely relocated by the summer of 2011.

Currently, AMC has about 768 personnel stationed at Redstone Arsenal awaiting the grand opening of their new six-story facility.

Also nearly completed is the adjoining three-story facility that will serve as the future home of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, one of AMC's major subordinate commands.

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# Employees devise unique way to thank warfighters, cheer up children in remote locations around world

by **Jacqueline Boucher**  
Assistant Editor

Equipment carrying precious cargo will leave Tobyhanna, destined to cheer up Soldiers and children in distant lands.

Communications Directorate employees intend to collect and place stuffed animals in every SICPS (Standardized Integrated Command Post System) shelter scheduled to depart the depot — hundreds are shipped annually.

It all started one day when an employee placed a teddy bear, dressed to look like one of his coworkers, on a shelter. Operation True Heart took shape as the number of stuffed animals brought in by depot personnel grew. Someone finally suggested sending them with the assets as a goodwill gesture to cheer up military members serving their country.

“We’re going to put those [stuffed animals] in the shelters when they ship, with a note thanking the Soldiers for their service and asking them to give the animal to a local child,” said Bob Morgan, electronics mechanic leader in the Satellite Communications Division. “So far we have dozens of stuffed animals



**Employees collect stuffed animals to ship in SICPS shelters like the one Electronics Worker Kyle Winter, left, and Electronics Mechanic Joseph Kane are reassembling in the Tactical End Item Repair Facility. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)**

collected and hope to get more via a collection box in the work area.”

Bob Morgan is the force behind this goodwill effort, according to Justine Fairclough, production planner, Production Management Directorate.

Fairclough came up with the name Operation True Heart while reflecting on the character of the

people she sees every day.

“A true heart is a selfless heart; one that gives of itself and asks for nothing in return,” she said. “The reward for Bob and the SICPS team is to know a Soldier will smile and a child will smile because of a simple act of kindness.”

For more information, call Morgan, X59592.



## CECOM LCMC commander visits Tobyhanna

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander of the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, toured base operations and mission facilities such as the new automated paint line in the Industrial Operations Facility, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) facility renovations underway in Building 1B, Bay 4 and the C4ISR Finishing Center during his visit on Feb. 23. Strong joined depot commander Col. Charles Gibson, Depot Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki, depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer in the Length of Service ceremony honoring Tobyhanna employees who have attained 30 and 50 years of federal service. In addition, he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Technical Training Division and later commended the members of the Sidewinder Missile Branch for earning a Shingo Bronze Medallion. (Photo by Steve Grzezdinski)



## David “Steve” McGlamery

**Duty title:** Electronic Technician  
**Directorate:** Production Engineering

McGlamery deployed twice to Iraq to install, troubleshoot, modify and program Warlock/CREW (Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare) equipment.

While there he also spent a month in Kuwait.

There are some things McGlamery will never forget from his time in Southwest Asia: long work hours, heat and the everyday challenges and rewards.

“The most rewarding aspect of the job was listening to the Soldiers tell stories of how the system saved their lives,” said McGlamery. “We were helping the troops fight for our freedom.”

To truly understand the nature of the work and how the depot supports the warfighter, McGlamery recommends people volunteer for a deployment — or two.

“Go for it,” he said. “Only then will you understand why people keep going back.”

## Shelly Sherman

**Duty title:** Chief, Meteorological/Navigation Aids Branch  
**Directorate:** Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance

Sherman has deployed to Southwest Asia once in support of the global war on terrorism. While in Iraq, she performed duties in support of the Warlock/CREW mission.

Her day-to-day responsibilities while there included supervising more than 40 Tobyhanna personnel assigned to locations throughout Kuwait and Iraq.

“I helped bridge the gap of communication between the depot and the field while there,” Sherman said, adding that she also traveled to various remote locations to support employees.

Acting as a liaison between Tobyhanna and CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, Sherman found her role rewarding and challenging.

“The success of the Warlock program relies on the ability to place the right people in the right areas,” she said. “It’s a great feeling knowing that the units being installed into the ground vehicles by depot employees were saving lives.”

Her advice for anyone contemplating a deployment: Go for it!

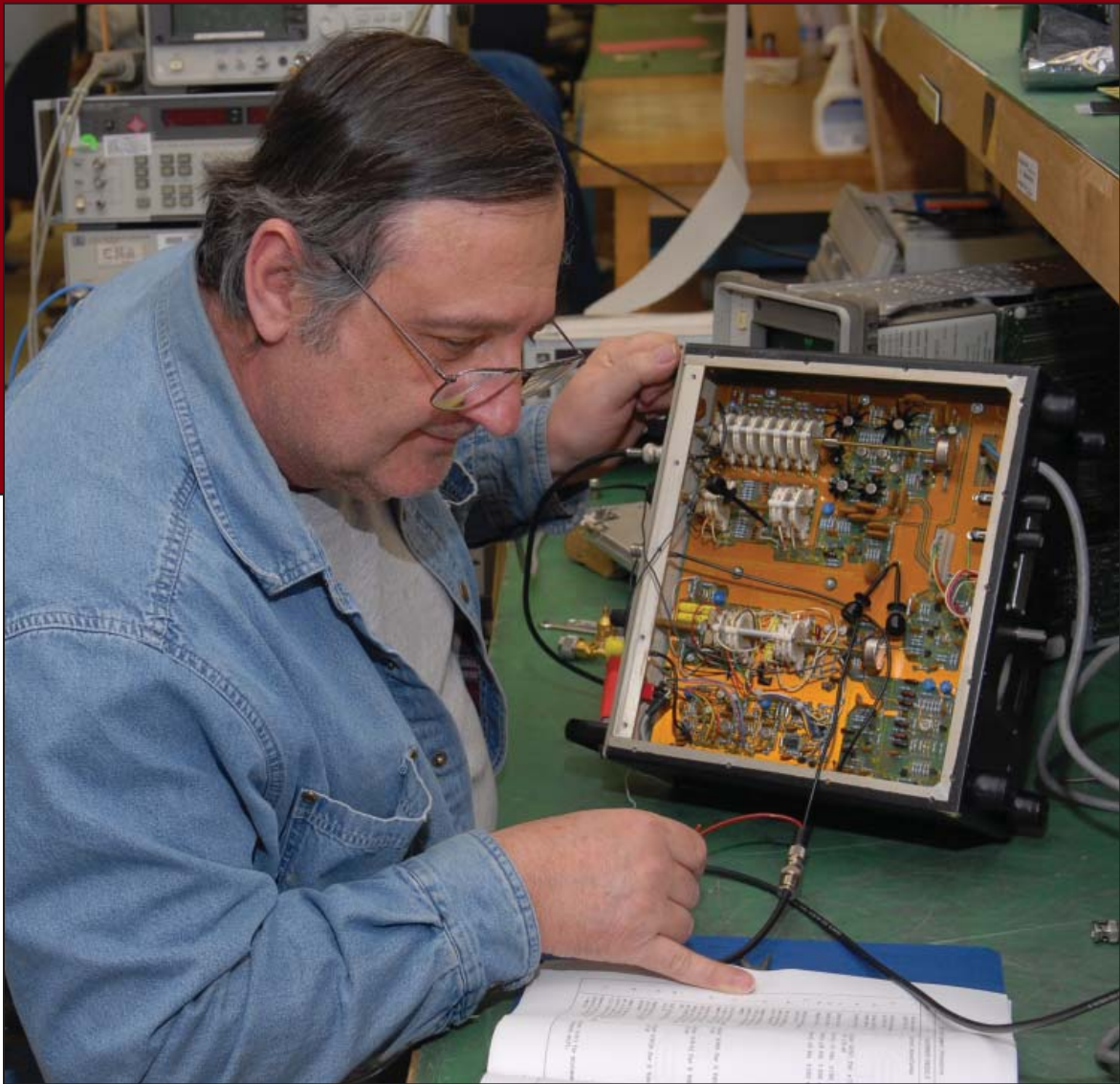
“Deploying was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something bigger than what I normally do at the depot,” Sherman said. “Embrace the great and not so great moments; you will be amazed.”

Volunteers provide on-site support in positions around the globe. Work schedule is typically 7 days per week, 12 hours per day. Overtime pay, locality pay, holiday pay, Sunday premium, Foreign Post Differential and danger pay are all offered based on eligibility. Training opportunities are available to individuals interested in volunteering for a deployment or temporary duty assignment. Supervisory approval is required before volunteering to deploy. The following intranet link offers more information on deployment opportunities and points of contact: <http://intranet.tobyhanna.army.mil/Intranet/contacts/view.cfm?MenuID=5111>



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# AROUND THE DEPOT



Bill Generose, electronics mechanic, troubleshoots an SG-1146 function generator.



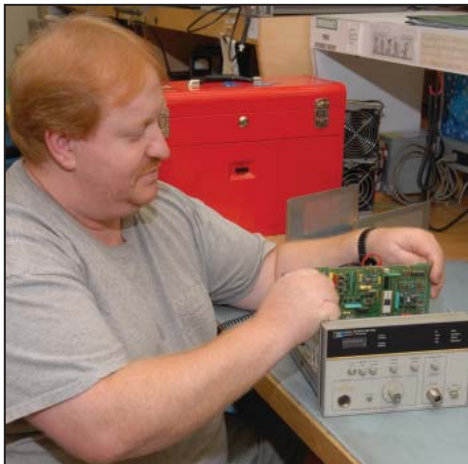
Electronics Mechanic Paul Pavloski, front, and Electronics Worker John Gastinger verify the operational status of components using an AN/TSM-191 (V)3 electronics test shop. The equipment can test the full range of Army electro-optical systems.



Frank Crosby, electronics mechanic, sets up the AN/GSM-340 (V)3 to repair components and circuit card assemblies.



Electronics Worker Justin Kubilus performs a final acceptance test on an oscilloscope.



Chris Douthat, electronics mechanic, installs a new circuit card in a watt meter. The meter is used to measure radio frequency and microwave power levels.



Tom Stasko, electronic measurement equipment mechanic, repairs a tester that is used to calibrate components on various Army helicopters.



Electronic Measurement Equipment Mechanic Chris Meyers checks a piece of equipment used to test Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems Radios and navigational equipment typically used on Army rotary-wing aircraft.

## ATE Repair Support Branch

Command, Control and Computers/ Avionics Directorate

Branch employees repair and overhaul various pieces of test equipment used by the Army and Air Force. Employees work on oscilloscopes, signal generators, power meters, navigational test sets and radio test sets. The branch is also responsible for the repair of the AN/TSM-191 (V) 3 Integrated Family of Test Equipment (IFTE) Shelter.

Photos by Tony Medici



# WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Richard Bell	Computer engineer	D/PE
Shawn Warwick	Electronics worker	D/ISR
Carolyn Cron	Human resources assistant	CPAC
Rhonda Ancrum	Electronics mechanic	D/C3/Avionics
John Dabbieri	Electronics engineer	D/PE
Ernesto Nido	Equipment specialist, electronics	D/C3/Avionics
Gloria Wimberly	Secretary	D/C3/Avionics

## EEO announces civil rights contest winner

Personnel tested their knowledge of the African-American civil rights movement by answering the following questions. The winner, John Teliho, answered all four questions correctly and was chosen via raffle to receive a digital camera.

1. In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation in public schools was illegal, which paved the way for large-scale desegregation. What NAACP attorney instrumental in the case later became America’s first black Supreme Court Justice?

**Answer: Thurgood Marshall**
2. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat at the front of a bus to a white passenger. In response to her arrest, blacks boycotted city buses. Over one year later, the boycott is halted after city buses are desegregated. The bus boycott occurred in what city?

**Answer: Montgomery, Ala.**
3. Four black college students began a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter. Although they are refused service, they are allowed to stay at the counter, and the
- event triggers many similar non-violent protests throughout the South. What was the name of the store where the sit-in was held?

**Answer: Woolworth’s**
4. In 1964, three Mississippi civil rights workers were officially declared missing. The trio had been working to register black voters. The last day they were seen, the police had arrested, incarcerated and then released the three men on speeding charges. Their murdered bodies were found after President Johnson sent military personnel to join the search party. It was later revealed that members of the police department played a part in the murders. What were the names of the three civil rights workers?

**Answer: James Cheney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner**



### Legal officer pins on captain bars

**Capt. Sean Galvin, left, swears to uphold the American Officer’s Creed during a promotion ceremony Feb. 25. Galvin works in the Tobyhanna Legal Office as a labor counselor. He began his Army career after receiving a direct commission into the Judge Advocate General Corps in October 2008. As a National Guard officer, Galvin has served at several locations including the 213th Area Support Group in Allentown and 328th Trial Defense Team at Fort Indiantown Gap. While here, he also serves as Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Depot commander Col. Charles Gibson and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer were joined by Galvin’s parents, Patty and Frank Galvin, and his fiancée Lisa McMillen, who participated in the ceremony. Maj. Peter Mielo, right, conducted the reaffirmation of the officer’s creed. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)**

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor’s Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@us.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Voluntary submission of items constitutes individual’s consent to publish personal information all versions of the *Tobyhanna Reporter*.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer’s responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



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**Swoyersville, Forty Fort, Luzerne area:** 1 opening, van, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 5/4/9, both Fridays, nonsmoking, call Joe Belinka, X56229 or John Galanda, X57675.

**Dupont, Avoca, Moosic:** 1 opening, van, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call Janice, X56269.

**Scranton:** 1 opening, first shift, 7 passengers, van, leaves South Side Shopping center daily, runs both RDOs, call Shelly, X57256.

**Route 115, Meadow Run Rd., Mountain Lake, Thornhurst, Clifton Beach:** 2 openings, 5/4/9, both Fridays, “A” placard, nonsmoking, contact Cindy, X57879. cindy.siblosky@us.army.mil or Rose, X59188, rosemarie.gesell@us.army.mil.



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**Trailer:** 2003 Coleman Caravan, 25SLB, 25 feet long (expands to 29), good condition, ducted air conditioning, furnace, 6 gallon water heater, front/rear stabilizer jacks, fiberglass exterior, spare tire, bathroom w/tub/shower, skylight above tub, 3-burner stove, microwave, 2-door refrigerator w/freezer, slide-out queen bed, 2 bunk beds, jack-knife sofa, slide-out

dinette, AM/FM/CD stereo, awning, outside shower, sleeps 8 (6 comfortably), asking \$10,495, call Ed, 735-8346.

**Dryer:** Roper electric clothes dryer, model #REX4625EW1, large capacity, made by Whirlpool Corp, in good condition, asking \$100, call Melvin Warner, 234-9253.

**Truck cap:** A.R.E., navy blue, for 1997-2003 Ford F-150 extended cab, V series, 6 1/2 –foot short bed truck, 23-inches high, 36-inch door clearance, tilt down front window, sliding front window, 12-volt dome light/outside brake light, single t-lock heavy-duty rear door with gas props, ½ slider side windows with screens, fiberglass construction, stock unfinished interior, dark tinted glass, asking \$400, call Ed, 735-8346.

**Vehicle:** 08 Mazda 5 Sport, 6 passengers, 32,000 miles, factory warranty, excellent condition, 28 MPG, \$12,300, call Jeff, 876-1353.

**Pistol barrel:** Encore, 14-inch, 22-250 blued w/scope base, forend and pistol stock, \$160; Traditions bolt action inline 50 cal muzzleloader with Simmons 3x9 master scope, \$150, Call 344-4731.

**Computer:** Dell Dimension 2400, fresh Windows XP boot (SP3), Microsoft Office 2007, 17-inch flat panel monitor, keyboard, mouse, speakers, great student computer, \$300, call John Kasse, 216-0165.

**Acoustic guitar:** Yamaha FG 700s, sounds great, used twice, great beginners guitar, Yamaha gig bag, guitar stand, instructional DVD, extra strings, string winder, guitar strap, picks, E-media Guitar Method Deluxe Version 5/2 disc CD-ROM learning software w/over 350 lessons, asking \$250 OBO for all. Call or text Jon, 862-2864.

**Exercise equipment:** Body Solid Universal, excellent condition, paid \$2,800, asking \$800, contact 484-553-5146 or MEP491955@aol.com.



## NEW DIVISION CHIEF

Joseph Santillo is the chief of the Purchasing Group, Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground (C4ISR), Sector T.

As chief, he supervises personnel who purchase supplies and services to support Tobyhanna's mission.

Prior to his current position, Santillo was a contract specialist for the same organization.

He began his career at Tobyhanna in October 1986.

Santillo served three years as a field medic and x-ray technician in the Army. During that time he served at Walter Reed Hospital.

Santillo graduated from Xavier High School in New York and later earned a bachelor's degree from Pace University, N.Y.



Santillo

## Chandler sworn in as 14th SMA

WASHINGTON — The Army's 14th sergeant major of Army was sworn in during a March 1 standing-room-only ceremony in the Pentagon.

Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond F. Chandler III, a 30-year veteran, was administered the oath of office by Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

Following the arrival of the official party, Casey welcomed the newest SMA, his wife Jeanne and their six children to the nation's capital. Casey then told the audience it was a "great day to be a sergeant" — which brought on a rousing "hooah" from the crowd.

"As I looked at trying to figure out who the next sergeant major of the Army ought to be, it was a very difficult task because frankly we have an Army that is replete with talent in our noncommissioned officer corps, and nowhere is it more pronounced than among our sergeants major," Casey said.

Casey outlined Chandler's career, highlighting his last position, where he was the first enlisted Soldier to serve as commandant of the Sergeants Major Academy. Chandler had previously served as the academy's command sergeant major. The chief said what impressed him most about Chandler's career was the series of assignments that demonstrated such a range of experience in a senior enlisted leader.

"As I looked at what he'd done, it struck me that I hadn't seen this much versatility in very many noncommissioned officers," Casey said, noting his experience in both armor and Javelin units throughout the world. The general also noted his service as a command sergeant major during combat in Iraq.

"He brings a great wealth of talent to this position, from the operational side, the installation side, the institutional side and the Reserve Component side," Casey said. "He has a deep understanding of what it means to be a citizen Soldier, and I think he'll bring that to bear here as we go forward trying to operationalize the Guard and Reserve."

Then Casey offered advice to Chandler: "be a role model for every Soldier. Be a mentor for every sergeant, and be a hard-nosed adviser to the secretary and me."

Following administration of the oath, Chandler took the podium, thanking first his family, friends and senior leaders along with those who had guided him through his career.

"I am humbled," Chandler said of his selection as SMA. "Many of you I have served with, and I am a product of your leadership. I'm here because you saw faith in me and counseled me and coached me and helped me develop into being a professional as part of this profession of arms.

"Each of you has upped my life or another noncommissioned officer's life in some way which has taken us to this place where our Army is today — we have the best Army that our nation has ever fielded, there's no doubt about it," Chandler said. "As the Army's sergeant major, I will serve as a scout and conduct reconnaissance with the chief and provide him with information that he can turn into intelligence with the secretary and make informed decisions for our families and Soldiers so that we can best serve our nation," he continued.

"I will do my best. I ask each and every one of you to support every single Soldier and family that goes in harm's way. We can be a very empathetic organization and we need some empathy for our folks."

## CAREER MILESTONE



From left, depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer, Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki, Cynthia Foster, Robert Harvey, Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, Robert Cays, William Delling and depot commander Col. Charles C. Gibson attend the Length of Service ceremony held Feb. 23.

Four Tobyhanna employees were recognized for their years of government service during the Feb. 23 Length of Service Ceremony.

**Robert Cays** — 50 years, information technology specialist, Automated Mission Support Division, Production Engineering Directorate.

**Cynthia Foster** — 30 years, transportation assistant, Equipment and Supply Division, Public Works Directorate.

**Robert Harvey** — 30 years, electronics mechanic, Avionics Division, Command, Control and Computer Systems/Avionics Directorate.

**William Delling** — 30 years, forklift/tractor operator, Material Management Division, Production Management Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, employees with 50 years of service will have a tree planted in an appropriate place on post, and received an Army Materiel Command golden eagle on a wooden base and a certificate signed by the commanding general. Those with 30 years received a framed American Flag that includes a photo of the depot signed by their coworkers.

Honorees who attend their Length of Service Ceremony also receive a four-hour time-off award. Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command commander, depot commander Col. Charles C. Gibson, Depot Deputy Commander Frank Zardecki and depot Sgt. Maj. Kelvin Spencer presented the awards.



Workers are building a 77-foot radome on Tobyhanna's Powder Smoke Ridge that will be used to test Marine Corps radars. Radome capabilities will be complemented by a 330-foot communications tower also being installed on the installation, off Perimeter Road near the railroad tracks. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

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radar is a long-range air surveillance sensor for the Marine Corps Air Group Tactical Force. It can precisely predict missile launch and impact points, detect enemy aircraft and cue defensive weapons against incoming threats.

Depot employees took the best features of existing radomes, then tweaked the design to enhance performance and meet mission requirements. It will take about three weeks to build the radome, weather permitting.

According to Galaydick, the antenna array electronics must be maintained at a high level of performance for the radar to provide an immediate enhanced Tactical Missile Defense/early warning

capability. The radome will protect the array from the effects of environmental exposure (rain, hail, ice, snow, dust, temperature changes, humidity and wind), which will maximize productivity and ensure accuracy during acceptance testing.

"The repair cycle time for the repair and testing process is 180 days," Galaydick said, noting that since Tobyhanna is an overhaul site, there needs to be an almost laboratory grade environment to conduct testing.

"It's pioneering efforts like these that help Tobyhanna maintain its competitive edge," said Peter Moore, mechanical engineer, Public Works Directorate. "We're taking advantage of opportunities today to set the stage for the future."

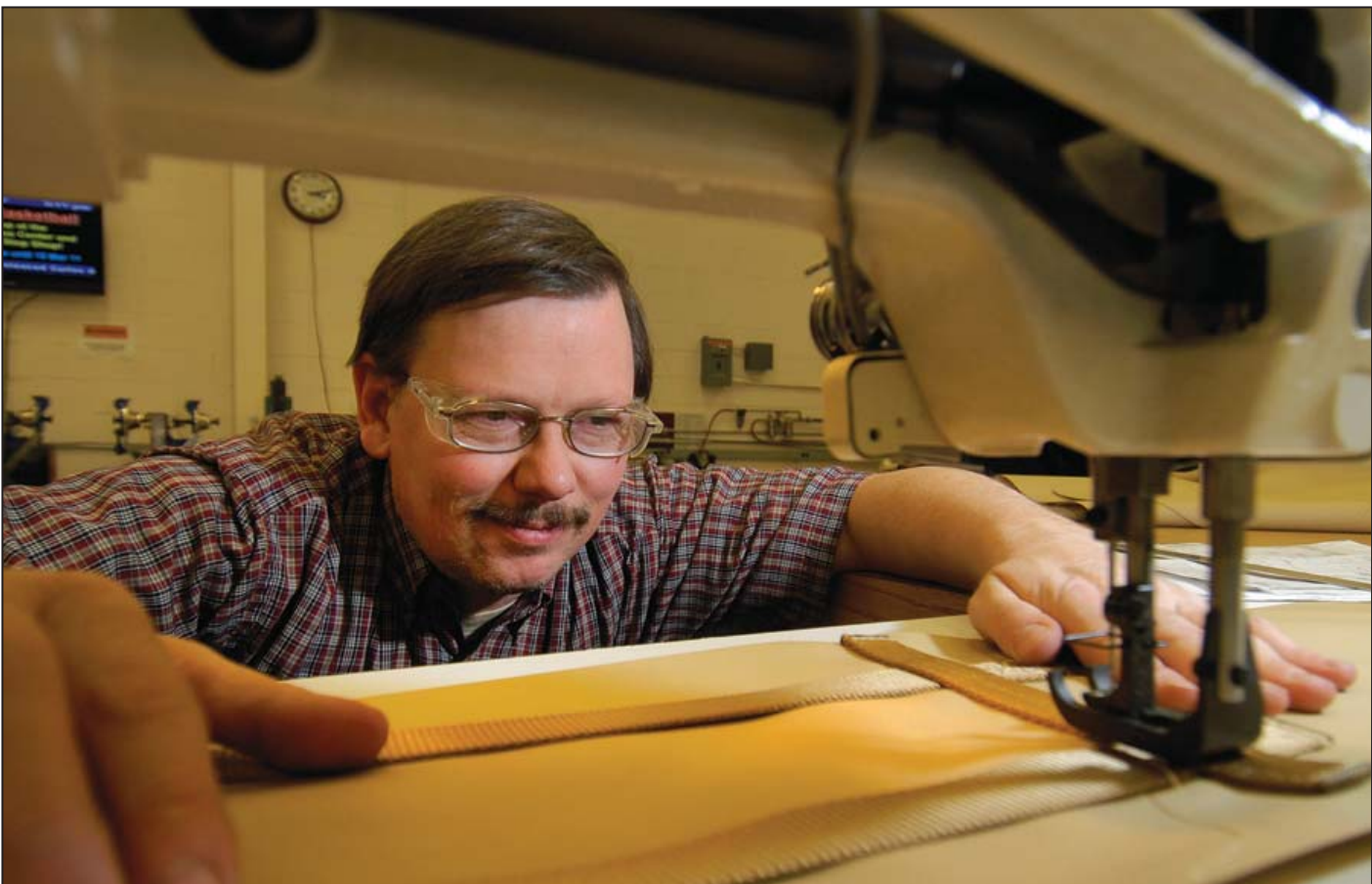




## Daylight Saving Time

In 2011, Daylight Saving Time starts on March 13. Saving Time begins each year at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March — Move your clocks ahead one hour.

Under the Uniform Time Act, the Department of Transportation is in charge of time zones in the United States and ensuring that jurisdictions observing daylight saving time begin and end on the same date.



### Sew, what’s new?

**Bill Butts, fabric worker, uses one of the 18 sewing machines in the Woodworking/Fabric Application Branch to stitch together pieces of a pole bag for the Tactical Satellite Communications system. The branch boasts 19 fabric workers who repair, modify and fabricate carrying cases and protective covers for communications, electronic and photographic equipment. Workers also recover, reline and replace hardware, fittings, and trimmings on all types of carrying cases for defense communications equipment. Employees create items such as tarpaulins, air conditioner covers, tiedown straps and blackout curtains out of various materials, including vinyl, canvas, rubber and foam. Items requiring blackout capability are fabricated using a hot air welding machine in lieu of a conventional sewing machine. The branch also employs 11 carpenters who fabricate multiple compartment cabinets, countertops and displays, which involves cutting, shaping and assembling parts and making complex patterns. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)**

# Budget provides funds to balance Army, Casey says

by **Todd Lopez**  
**Army News Service**

WASHINGTON— For years the Army’s chief of staff has said his service was “out of balance,” but he believes next year’s budget request will keep it on the road to recovery after 10 years of war.

During testimony March 2 before the House Armed Services Committee, Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. told lawmakers the fiscal 2012 Army budget submission marks a “transition point” between restoring balance to the force and sustaining that balance.

“This budget enables us to sustain the balance that we have restored into this great Army,” Casey said, adding that “sustaining that balance is critical because this war is not over.”

Casey was joined by Army Secretary John M. McHugh on Capitol Hill to detail and explain the Army’s portion of President Barack Obama’s proposed defense budget to Congress. The Army base budget request for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 is \$144.9 billion, an increase of just \$1.5 billion over the fiscal 2011 request. The Army also requested an additional \$71.1 billion for the overseas contingency operations budget, which funds operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Army’s budget proposal includes a 1.5 percent pay raise for Soldiers, a 3.1 percent increase in housing allowance, and a 3.4 percent increase in subsistence allowance.

“After a decade of very hard work, we have a force that is the right size, that is organized in versatile, modular formations on a predictable rotational cycle, and that has sufficient time at home to begin training for the full range of missions and to recover from a decade of war,” Casey said.

The Army’s recent growth and the drawdown in Iraq, Casey said, have enabled the service to improve Soldiers’ dwell

time — the time they spend at home, training and with their families — between deployments.

“This is a critical component of sustaining an all-volunteer force in a protracted conflict,” he said. “For the better part of five years we were returning Soldiers to combat after only one year at home. We have been working to bring dwell to two years at home as quickly as possible.”

Now, the general said, the Army has reached that goal. “Given what we know about the projected demands, our active units who deploy after the first of October will deploy with an expectation of having two years at home when they return,” he said, adding that Guard and reserve units should expect to have four years at home when they return.

Casey noted the Army will continue to work to eventually provide a three-year dwell time to active units.

The Army will complete its organizational transformation this year, Casey said, and will finish the modular conversion of all but “a handful” of the service’s 300 brigades and finish rebalancing about 150,000 Soldiers out of Cold War-era specialties to skills more relevant to today’s conflicts.

McHugh told legislators about the Army’s successes in working to meet the deadline to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq by the end of the year, transitioning the mission there to the State Department.

“As we continue to drawdown our forces to meet the Dec. 31, deadline, we’ve already closed or transferred over 80 percent of the bases we maintained to the Iraqi authorities,” McHugh said. “We’ve reduced the number of U.S. personnel by over 75,000, and we’ve redeployed some 26,000 back to other operations.”

Along with the drawdown in Iraq, McHugh said the Army has surged an additional 30,000 Soldiers to Afghanistan to help defeat the al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban insurgency.

“The surge enabled our Soldiers and our Afghan partners to seize multiple sanctuaries in the traditional insurgent heartland of southern Afghanistan,” the secretary said.

U.S. forces have trained some 109,000 Afghan soldiers and 41,000 Afghan national police, McHugh said.

The secretary also told lawmakers the Army must have the right equipment to maintain an edge over America’s enemies, now and in the future.

“Our FY12 budget request is critical to achieving this goal by supporting the extraordinary strides we made in the Army’s state-of-the-art network, tactical wheeled vehicle and combat vehicle modernization programs,” he said.

For the network, McHugh said, the Army is asking for \$974 million to cover procurement and \$298 million for research for the WINT-T network, which will “become the cornerstone of our battlefield communications systems.”

Also, he said, the Army is seeking \$1.5 billion for tactical-wheeled-vehicle modernization and \$1.4 billion for the Army’s combat vehicle modernization strategy — including \$884 million for the Ground Combat Vehicle and \$156 million for modernization of the Stryker, Bradley and Abrams programs.

The secretary also told the committee about Army energy initiatives, including the establishment of a senior energy council, the appointment of a senior energy executive, the creation of an energy security office, and adoption of a comprehensive strategy for energy security.

“We’re developing more efficient generators, and power distribution platforms, factoring in fuel costs as a part of equipment modernization, and developing a net-zero approach to holistically address our installations’ energy, water and waste needs,” McHugh said.

The secretary also said the Army has commissioned a panel to review the service’s acquisition systems from “cradle to grave.”